

And Ladies to Be Common Soldiers and Nurses.

Great Rush of English Noblemen to the Boer War.

If the Boers Win They Will Wipe Out the British Aristocracy.



THE COUNTESS DE GREY

Duke's son—cook's son—son of a hundred kings—
Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay,
Each of 'em doing his country's work, and who's to look
after their things?
Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay—pay—pay!
RUDYARD KIPLING.

THE eagerness of English noblemen and millionaires to enter the army as soldiers in any capacity to fight the Boers is only equalled by the enthusiasm of the titled women and court beauties of England to go to war as nurses.

Women of the nobility, the leaders of London society, who are usually occupied at this season in giving dances and horse parties and indulging in the most extravagant amusements, are now talking of nothing but plans for getting to the scene of war.

With such an array of England's nobility in the field, if the Boers win they are likely to kill practically all the English aristocracy.

There will have been nothing like it since the Wars of the Roses in the fifteenth century, when the feudal aristocracy was almost exterminated.

England's aristocracy had to start all over again at that time, and most of the "great families" of the present nobility are descended from the lawyers and wealthy merchants of Henry VIII's and Queen Elizabeth's time.

Most of the English nobility not in the regular army are officers in the Yeomanry. This corresponds to the militia cavalry of the United States. It is made up largely of country gentlemen, the better class of farmers and young men of incomes in the smaller towns. Nearly every man in England, in fact, who can afford to keep a good horse, belongs to the Yeomanry. They provide their own horses and uniforms for this cavalry service.

The hunting men, the fashionable sporting men of Great Britain, belong to the Yeomanry almost to a man. They are fine riders and form a splendid cavalry contingent. There are 40,000 of the Yeomanry in England, Scotland and Wales, forming the finest body of the country's reserve army.

This mounted militia is a home guard and cannot go away from home as a body. Just as in the case of our own militia regiments in the recent Spanish war, the individual members must volunteer for foreign service.

The English Yeomanry, like our own Rough Riders, is the most popular branch of the army among Englishmen of title and means.

Since it became apparent that the greatest need of the English army in South Africa is cavalry to cope with the quick-moving mounted infantry of the Boers, the rush of English noblemen to join regiments of Yeomanry has been overwhelming.

When these volunteer regiments of horsemen, made up largely of England's nobility, reach the field of action, they will probably be pressed into the hardest service.

Expert as these English horsemen are they will hardly be equal to the Boer cavalry on their own ground. It is inevitable that some of the bluest blood of England will be shed in South Africa.

Lord Chesham is taking a leading part in recruiting this branch of the volunteer service, which will be known as the Imperial Yeomanry. Lord Chesham belongs to the same family as the Duke of Devonshire, the second richest Duke in England. The Chesham estates comprise 12,000 acres, besides much property in London.

Lord Chesham has had extensive military service in the Coldstream Guards, Tenth Lancers, and as captain of the Sixteenth Lancers. He is now forty-nine years old, just the age when Englishmen are usually in their prime.

The desire to enter Lord Chesham's yeomanry has been so great that earls and viscounts have eagerly applied to enlist as common troopers, giving up positions as



THE MARCHIONESS OF WORCESTER



THE HON. MRS. GOLDMAN
DAUGHTER OF LORD PEELE



LADY HELEN VINCENT.



THE COUNTESS OF ANNESLEY



MISS ENID WILSON



DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH.



PRINCE DHULEEP-SINGH

The Men
Who Leave
Vast Estates
to Fight
as Common
Soldiers
If Need Be.

The Women
Who Give
Up Society
and Luxury
to Nurse
the
Wounded.



THE EARL OF YARMOUTH



LORD HARRIS



LORD PORTMAN



THE EARL OF LONSDALE



LORD EDWARD CECIL.



PRINCE FRANCIS OF TECK



THE EARL OF DUDLEY

Estates Owned by English Noblemen Volunteers for the War.

	Acres.
Lord Chesham.....	12,000
Earl of Dudley.....	30,000
Lord Harris.....	4,700
Victor Cavendish (heir to).....	186,000
Earl of Derby.....	69,000
Viscount Valentia.....	7,000
Lord Lonsdale.....	68,000
Earl of Erroll.....	8,300
Lord Kenyon.....	8,000
Lord Portman.....	20,000
	418,000

teered to go to South Africa. His estates exceed 8,000 acres.

Lord Portman, one of the richest men in the west of England and London, has also volunteered for the Imperial Yeomanry. He is master of the Portman Hunt and Colonel of the West Somerset Yeomanry. He has estates of 20,000 acres.

Prince Dhuleep Singh, son of the late Maharajah of Lahore, one of the greatest native States of India, is a volunteer. He is fabulously rich and wants to devote his means and time toward helping Great Britain conquer South Africa.

Lord Edward Cecil, younger son of Prime Minister Salisbury, is now at Pretoria, where he has been since the outbreak of the war.

Prince Francis of Teck, the brother of the Duchess of York, the future Queen of England, is already on his way to the front.

Among the titled women who intend to go to the front as nurses is Lady Helen Vincent, called the most beautiful woman in all England. She is one of the superlatively handsome sisters of whom the Duchess of Leinster was another.

The young Countess of Dudley wants to go to the seat of war with her husband, the Earl of Dudley, and do her share in relieving the sufferings of the wounded.

Another nurse volunteer is the Marchioness of Worcester, the wife of the heir of the Duke of Beaufort, whose estates amount to 25,000 acres.

The Countess de Grey is reported to have volunteered to act as nurse. The Countess belongs to the Prince of Wales's set, is a friend of the Countess of Warwick, and is considered one of the most brilliant women in English society.

The Hon. Mrs. Goldman is already at Pietermaritzburg in South Africa, carefully tending the wounded British soldiers there. Mrs. Goldman is a woman of great beauty. She is a second daughter of Lord Peel, former Speaker of the House of Commons, who was son of the great Sir Robert Peel.

Miss Enid Wilson may have been a volunteer nurse. She is a beautiful young woman of splendid figure. She and her sister, Muriel Wilson, who lately visited America, are among the most conspicuous of the younger women of the Prince of Wales's set.

The Countess of Annesley is a famous Irish beauty who offers her aid in the Queen's service.

Such women as these, mostly young and beautiful, and full of enthusiasm, will undoubtedly do a great deal toward lessening the suffering of the British wounded after the terrible battles that are bound to be fought in the near future in South Africa.

Yet the same women who now don the brown nurse's uniform and go to the front to endure hardship and witness all the horrors of war are the same ones who belong to the ultra smart set of London. What a contrast to the nurse's garb is their usual appearance at this season in risky costumes in the most

luxurious amusements. Instead of making social sensations they will submit to the most wearisome drudgery, all for the love of country and their dear ones who are fighting for it.

commissioned officers in a home guard regiment in order to go to the seat of war.

Lord Lonsdale will be Lord Chesham's chief assistant. He is devoting his money, as well as his time, to his work, in the most enthusiastic way. Lonsdale is exceedingly rich, having estates in the lake country of England amounting to 68,000 acres. Louth Castle is his country seat.

The Secretary of War has also appointed Viscount Valentia to assist Lord Chesham in organizing the Imperial Yeomanry.

The Earl of Dudley, master of the Worcestershire fox hounds, has volunteered to join Lord Chesham's Yeomanry in any capacity. The Earl owns immense collieries and iron works, and has estates amounting to 30,000 acres in Staffordshire and Worcestershire, besides plantations in the British island of Jamaica, in the West Indies.

Lord Harris, former Governor of Bombay and the leading gentleman cricketer in England, has volunteered for service in this regiment. He has an estate of 4,700 acres.

Victor Cavendish, nephew and heir of the Duke of Devonshire's estate of 180,000 acres, is also among the volunteers.

The Duke of Marlborough has not only volunteered to go to the front, but has offered to raise and equip 1,500 yeoman

his own or the Vanderbilts' money. The Duke is now a lieutenant in the yeomanry regiment known as the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, whose colonel is the Prince of Wales.

The Duke of Marlborough has also the honorary rank Paymaster of the Forces, conferred this year. The Duke's offer to go to the front at this particular time, when the work is expected to slight at Blenheim Castle in a month or two, is an indication of his ardent desire to serve his country.

The Earl of Erroll, the Hereditary Lord High Constable of Scotland, has already started to the front on special service for Commander-in-Chief Lord Roberts. He has held the military position of colonel of the Royal Horse Guards and has filled the office of the Silver Stick. He owns estates of 8,300 acres.

The Earl of Derby is raising a body of volunteers at his own expense. He has been Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary for War and for the Colonies and Governor-General of Canada. He is enormously rich, owning 60,000 acres, mostly in Lancashire, besides a large part of the city of Liverpool.

Hugo de Batho, who lately married Lady Langtry, has already volunteered for service. Lord Kenyon, a great hunter and sportsman, has also volun-